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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LARSEN of Washington).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 20, 2009

I hereby appoint the Honorable RICK LARSEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:  
Lord God, shepherd Your people as never before. For the times are turbulent. Terrorism and violence in all its forms rips apart the very fabric of civilization ancient and new. Competition has broken partnership, friendship is rare, understanding between nations is threatened.

Who, but You will replace basic trust and faithful love once found in family life! As in the days of the prophet Zechariah, we call out to You, O Lord, to show forth Your power.

Take up Your two staves, one called "Favor," the other "Union." With the staff of "Favor," fashion us again as Your people. Renew Your covenant love within Your chosen ones. With the staff of "Union," bind us to one another both in need and in response as a people willing to be brother or sister once again.

Father, may You take delight in us as Your very own, both now and forever.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. MITCHELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MITCHELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 131. An act to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

### CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 454, WEAPON SYSTEM ACQUISITION REFORM ACT OF 2009

Mr. SKELTON submitted the following conference report and statement on the Senate bill (S. 454) to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purpose:

#### CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 111-124)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 454), to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House and

agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment, insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

#### TITLE I—ACQUISITION ORGANIZATION

Sec. 101. Cost assessment and program evaluation.

Sec. 102. Directors of Developmental Test and Evaluation and Systems Engineering.

Sec. 103. Performance assessments and root cause analyses for major defense acquisition programs.

Sec. 104. Assessment of technological maturity of critical technologies of major defense acquisition programs by the Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

Sec. 105. Role of the commanders of the combatant commands in identifying joint military requirements.

#### TITLE II—ACQUISITION POLICY

Sec. 201. Consideration of trade-offs among cost, schedule, and performance objectives in Department of Defense acquisition programs.

Sec. 202. Acquisition strategies to ensure competition throughout the lifecycle of major defense acquisition programs.

Sec. 203. Prototyping requirements for major defense acquisition programs.

Sec. 204. Actions to identify and address systemic problems in major defense acquisition programs prior to Milestone B approval.

Sec. 205. Additional requirements for certain major defense acquisition programs.

Sec. 206. Critical cost growth in major defense acquisition programs.

Sec. 207. Organizational conflicts of interest in major defense acquisition programs.

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